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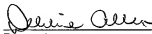
In re Application of:	§	
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For: "DRILLING FLUIDS WITH IMPROVED SHALE INHIBITION AND METHODS OF DRILLING IN SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS"	§	Atty Docket: 2003-IP-009967U1P1
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO**  
**OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON AUGUST 11, 2008**

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 11, 2008 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 11 of this paper.